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PACIFIC FRUIT EXPRESS COMPANY

December News Letter

San Francisco, December 12, 1956

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PFE Loadings

	1956			1955		
	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total
November	27,263	1,224	28,487	28,366	2,804	31,170
Jan.-Nov.	323,996	35,534	359,530	325,037	37,995	363,032

CAR SITUATION

November business was protected satisfactorily with a minimum of foreign equipment. The foreign cars shown as loaded on contract lines consisted chiefly of shipments loaded on foreign connections and received in switch movement by Southern Pacific or Union Pacific for line haul, and foreign mechanical cars for frozen food loading. Owners of mechanical cars were notified December 7 to discontinue directing empty cars to P.F.E. service as it appeared full protection of frozen food could be provided with P.F.E.s plus the foreign mechanicals developing on line. "Standard" car situation continues satisfactory with adequate supplies of PFEs in principal loading sections and a fair returning tide via El Paso and Missouri River Junctions.

CROP CONDITIONS

Along Southern Pacific:

Storage pears from Medford, Klamath potatoes and miscellaneous commodities from Willamette Valley are moving normally. Total Oregon loading should continue through December at rate of 50 or 60 daily.

In Northern California the seasonal decline in vegetable loading will continue. Porterville citrus and storage grapes will move in lighter volume during last half of December, however, canned goods from Sacramento, Stockton, East Bay and San Jose should remain in consistent heavy volume except for the long holiday weekends. Frozen food loading will be lighter than November but should be steady from Santa Clara and Salinas Valleys.

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